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Anna Echols, the organizer behind Winnipeg's first annual Chocoholics' Buffet for the United Way of Winnipeg, practised for the big event with a piece of chocolate cake and hot chocolate at Joe Black Coffee Bar this week. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Eat your fill of chocolate for United Way

Choc it up to charity.
Chocoholics' Buffet promises never-ending supply of tantalizing treats

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Get out your stretchy pants, Winnipeg.

The United Way of Winnipeg's latest fundraiser — called Chocoholics' Buffet — will be the event of the season for anyone who considers chocolate a food group and refuses to say no to a never-ending supply of it.

"We expect to have 25 to 30 different desserts on the buffet and it's going to be everything from cookies to cakes," said event organizer and LunchFor1.com food blogger Anna Echols. "The only thing that's standing in the way of making it all you can eat is if your pants are too tight."

The inaugural fundraiser hopes to raise $10,000 for the United Way of Winnipeg by bringing chocolate creations donated by leading local chocolate artists, bakers and pastry chefs to a 125-square-foot buffet.

"We're thrilled this event has chosen to support their community through United Way," said Rob McGee, chair of United Way's marketing committee in a release. "Winnipeg's first annual Chocoholics' Buffet is a wonderful example of the many imaginative ways Winnipeggers come together to have fun and make a positive difference in their community at the same time."

Echols, who heads up LunchFor1 Events Inc., a non-profit based in Manitoba and dedicated to raising money for different philanthropic causes through foodie events, said she got the idea for a buffet made of chocolate after attending a similar event held annually in Vancouver.

"Literally my girlfriend and I would not eat all day and we'd go to the chocolate buffet and that would be our whole day's meal," Echols chuckled. "It's fabulous and it's something you'll never forget."

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The Chocoholics' Buffet will be held April 20 at the Gates on Roblin and tickets are $53.99 at chocoholics-buffet.eventbrite.ca.

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City and province buddy up to improve recreation sites

Joint funding.
Partnership will pay for upgrades to city parks, trails, rinks

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The city and province are getting into bed to fund 34 new community projects across Winnipeg in the coming years.

Mayor Sam Katz and Local Government Minister Ron Lemieux announced Thursday that the projects will benefit from a combined $7.65 million in funding through the second phase of their Building Communities Initiative.

"Whether it's fixing basketball courts, whether it's hockey rinks … (or) trails (and) splash pads … it's long overdue, and that's what partnerships are able to do," said Katz at the announcement held at the Mayfair Recreation Centre. "This helps us make the progress that we need to accommodate our citizens and our young people, to give them the facilities to live a healthy life."

Mayfair Rec Centre

The Building Communities Initiative will pay for a $2.1-million expansion and upgrade to the Mayfair Recreation Centre, which gets underway this summer.

- The project will see the current skate shack demolished to make room for a much larger building that will house a large multi-purpose room for basketball and other indoor activities.

Additional projects, expected to be approved over the coming months, will bring the funding total to $10 million, according to a press release handed out at the announcement.

Lemieux said the work would see improvements made to parks and playgrounds, community clubs, baseball diamonds and soccer pitches, among other upgrades.

The first phase of the partnership saw $10 million pumped into 37 projects throughout Winnipeg from 2010 to 2013.

Local Government Minister Ron Lemieux, right, and Mayor Sam Katz announced funding from both levels of government for the second phase of the Building Communities Initiative at the Mayfair Recreation Centre Thursday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Province kicks in $116K for anti-bullying

Mary Hall of Safe Schools Manitoba
METRO

Parents at an inner-city school welcomed a Manitoba government move to continue funding an organization that provides workshops and resources to educators, students and parents on bullying.

Education Minister Nancy Allan announced at Pinkham School on Thursday that Safe Schools Manitoba, a partnership between the Manitoba School Boards Association and the Safe Schools Advisory Committee, will receive $116,000.

Tara, who preferred not to give her last name, teared up recalling a bullying incident her daughter endured when she was about six years old and found a dollar at a local park.

Two older girls that attended the same school wanted the coin and jumped her daughter for it; one girl used a butter knife as a weapon.

"It was over a dollar, that's how bad it was," she said, adding the resources offered by Safe Schools Manitoba today "would have made a big difference, where I could have turned to and tried to get information, not only to help me but to help my daughter as well." BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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School taxes

Pembina Trails approves 2.5% tax increase

Trustees for the Pembina Trails School Division have approved a 2.5 per cent increase in school taxes.

For the average homeowner in the division, this means an extra $31 for the 2013-14 year.

In a press release, the division said the tax increase means the continuation of existing educational programs and money for the renewal, renovation and updating of school facilities.

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Princess of pop

P!nk coming to Winnipeg

The bad girl of princess pop is coming to Winnipeg.

Grammy winner P!nk is coming to the MTS Centre Oct. 26. after it was announced that her Canadian tour was extended.

Pulling from her seven-album repertoire, her set will include some of her biggest chart-topping hits and fan favorites including Blow Me (One Last Kiss), Try, Raise Your Glass, So What and her latest single Just Give Me a Reason featuring Nate Ruess.

Tickets will go on sale March 23 at Ticketmaster.

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Camping out for a cause

Winnipeg firefighters, from left, Chad Swayze, Alan Bartley, Joel Savard and TJ Belluck are camping out on the roof of the Osborne Village Fire Hall until Friday to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Donations can be made at the fire hall, at a number of Osborne Village businesses or online at muscle.ca/campout. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Country band Emerson Drive is nominated in the country album of the year category at the upcoming 2013 Juno Awards. CONTRIBUTED

Country crooners nominated for Juno

Emerson Drive. 'Every time we're nominated for something my mom calls me first,' says band vocalist Brad Mates

Let it roll.

Not only is Emerson Drive in the midst of the CMT Hitlist Tour with Portage la Prairie's Doc Walker and B.C. boy Aaron Pritchett, the Grand Prairie band's seventh studio album, Roll, is nominated in the country album of the year category at the upcoming 2013 Juno Awards.

"Every time we're nominated for something my mom calls me first. It's like, 'How in the hell do you know that before me?'" vocalist Brad Mates said, a day after the Juno nominations announcement.

"It's really cool, especially with this album, because we spent close to 13 months on it from start to finish. We've been fortunate to get different nominations on both sides of the border and it's helped our career tremendously.

"Even when you don't win it still gets your name out there, and with the Junos you're talking about a whole industry outside the country genre. You're knocking on the doorstep of a lot of different fans."

Mates said having over a year to work on Roll means the album is just as Emerson Drive as ever, just better.

"We knew we wanted to fine-tune and tweak the sound a bit because after doing this for a certain amount of years, you feel like you need to evolve your music," Mates said, noting the album's lead-off track, Let it Roll, is a collaboration with the boys in Doc Walker.

"I think folks that have known us for awhile will hear a little difference in the sound.

"It's a little bit harder, a little bit more edgy, but it really represents who we are."

Emerson Drive, Doc Walker and Pritchett play the MTS Centre on Monday. Tickets are $49.50 and $59.75 at Ticketmaster. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

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Fired zookeeper wants his job back

Calgary. Staffer recounts being bitten, dragged after gorillas escaped into kitchen

Fired for leaving unlatched a door that allowed gorillas to enter an off-limits kitchen area, a former keeper with the Calgary Zoo says he plans to appeal to get his job back.

Garth Irvine had been in his role at the zoo for nearly 25 years, but last Friday morning he encountered a situation unlike any before.

Irvine entered a staff kitchen area next to the gorilla enclosure to find three female apes inside. He claims he moved quickly to usher them out of the area but in the process startled a roughly 455-pound silverback named Kakinga.

"He charged ... he pinned me down, he gave me a small bite, he flipped me over and dragged me about six feet and then he ran away," Irvine told Metro in an exclusive interview.

Irvine then managed to radio for help. He estimates the situation was resolved in less than seven minutes.

But the zoo announced this week it was firing Irvine, who had also previously taken responsibility for leaving a knife inside the enclosure in 2009 that was then picked up by a gorilla. A photo of the primate holding the knife near a fellow enclosure mate garnered international headlines, but a report later cleared the zoo of any wrongdoing.

Then, in 2010, Irvine also took the blame for an incident that saw two giant snakes slither down an uncovered drain. The pair were missing for nearly 24 hours.

Still, Irvine told Metro Thursday that in an environment with so many moving parts, mishaps are bound to happen. "I would say absolutely everyone does make mistakes."

Irvine said he's exploring other opportunities, including a career as a public speaker.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Garth Irvine METRO FILE

Index. Canada out of top 10 most-developed countries

Canada has slipped out of the top 10 countries listed in the annual United Nations human-development index — a far cry from the 1990s, when it held first place for most of the decade.

The 2013 report, which reviews a country's performance in health, education and income, places Canada in 11th place versus 10th last year.

A closer look shows Canada actually did better than last year, but other countries such as Japan and Australia improved at a greater rate.

When the numbers are adjusted for gender inequality, Canada slumps to 18th place.

The U.S. fares even worse — sinking from third to 42nd place.

But the main finding of the report, entitled The Rise of the South, is positive. It says countries that had previously struggled with poverty and inequality are now on a steady developmental climb.

Brazil, China and India's combined GDP is now about equal to the combined GDP of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the U.K. and the U.S.

Even the countries at the bottom of the list, Niger and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are among those who showed the greatest improvement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada is in 11th place on the UN's development index. The Rise of the South report has better news, though, for developing countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

My health or no health?

Disgruntled senior allegedly makes bomb threat

The RCMP allege an elderly woman called a bomb threat in to a health centre in Penticton, B.C., because she was angry her appointment had been changed.

Police say the woman called the centre Thursday morning and falsely claimed there was a bomb set to go off inside.

Police were called and the centre was evacuated, but no devices were found.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/CKFR

Quebec

SNC-Lavalin gave illegal contributions

Canada's largest engineering company has admitted it participated in illegal political financing in Quebec.

A vice-president at SNC-Lavalin testified Thursday at Quebec's corruption inquiry.

Yves Cadotte said dozens of executives, and sometimes even their spouses, donated just over $1 million to the Quebec Liberal party and the Parti Québécois from 1998 to 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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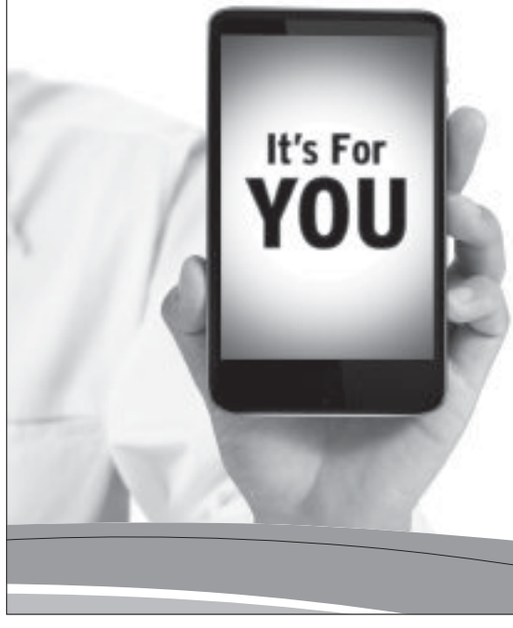

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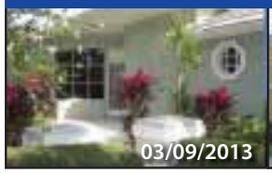

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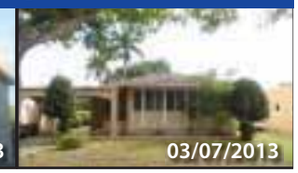

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The NFL says that questions about a prospective player's sexual orientation are contrary to the league's policy and violate the player's rights. GETTY IMAGES FILE

NFL urged to look into alleged sexual orientation queries

N.Y. attorney general speaks out. NFL spokesperson says discrimination is not tolerated in the league

New York state's top legal official asked the NFL on Tuesday to investigate whether potential players were improperly asked about their sexual orientation during the league's annual skills exhibition for incoming college players, which he said is illegal in New York.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman asked National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell to schedule a meeting on the matter.

"We ask that the league immediately issue a statement that any form of discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation by league teams or players against potential recruits or players constitutes a violation of state, local and, in some cases, contractor law and will not be tolerated," Schneiderman said in a letter dated Thursday and released to news organizations.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was already looking into the issue and would discuss it at its meeting next week in Phoenix.

"Like all employers, our teams are expected to follow applicable federal, state and local employment laws," the NFL said in a Feb. 27 statement. "It is league policy to neither consider nor inquire about sexual orientation in the hiring process. In addition, there are specific protections in our collective bargaining agreement with the players that prohibit discrimination against any player, including on the basis of sexual orientation."

It concluded: "Any team or employee that inquires about impermissible subjects or makes an employment decision based on such factors is subject to league discipline."

Schneiderman reminded Goodell that discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal in New York and in at least 23 other states where the NFL's 32 teams are based.

In February, DeMaurice Smith, the head of the NFL Players Association, said in a statement, "I know that the NFL agrees that these types of questions violate the law, our CBA and player rights."

There has never been an openly gay player in any of North America's major pro sports leagues, though a few athletes have come out after retirement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Do you have a girlfriend?'

"(Teams) ask you, like, 'Do you have a girlfriend?' 'Are you married?' 'Do you like girls?'" said Colorado tight end Nick Kasa last month during an ESPN Radio interview.

- Since then, Michigan's Denard Robinson and Michigan State's Le'Veon Bell have both indicated that they were asked similar questions.

Florida

Unpopular driving law repealed

Legislators in Florida have approved a bill repealing a law from last year that requires foreigners visiting the state to have international driving permits.

The bill passed unanimously in the Florida House on Wednesday and now goes to the Senate, where it is expected to pass as well.

Under the law that quietly took effect in January, foreign drivers who didn't have the $25 permit that translates licence information into English could have been charged with driving without a licence.

But as the law prompted a flurry of indignant reaction in mid-February, much of it from Canadians, the state highway department learned that the permit requirement violated an international driving treaty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Senate

Assault-weapons ban likely to get kiboshed

A U.S. Senate committee approved an assault-weapons ban Thursday but the proposal is likely to fail in the full Senate. The ban also stands little chance in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

The Democrat-led Judiciary Committee approved the ban on a 10-8 vote with all Republicans against it.

The United States has the highest number of gun owners in the world. The assault-weapons ban is one of the most controversial of the gun restrictions being considered in Congress. Its foes say law-abiding citizens should not lose their constitutional right to own the weapons, which they say are popular for self-defence, hunting and collecting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cambodian military officials line up by pictures of the top Khmer Rouge leaders that include, on the far right, former foreign minister Ieng Sary, during a UN-backed war-crimes tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2011. HENG SINITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Khmer Rouge co-founder dies

War crimes. Former foreign minister of brutal regime was facing charges of genocide

Ieng Sary, who co-founded the communist Khmer Rouge regime responsible for the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians in the 1970s, and who decades later became one of its few leaders to be put on trial, died Thursday before his case could be finished. He was 87.

Sary was the brother-in-law of late Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot. His death dashed hopes that he would be punished for his alleged crimes during the darkest chapter in his country's history.

Chea Leang, a co-prosecutor at the Cambodian international tribunal that had been trying Sary, said he died of cardiac failure. The trial began in late 2011 with four defendants and now has only two.

Sary had suffered from high blood pressure and heart problems and had been admitted to a Phnom Penh hospital on March 4 with weakness and severe fatigue.

Sary founded the Khmer Rouge with Pol Pot. The regime, which ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, claimed it was building a pure socialist society by evicting people from cities to work in labour camps in the countryside. Its radical policies led to the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people from starvation, disease, overwork and execution.

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Unfinished business

"This trial was held 30 years too late."

Elizabeth Becker, author of When the War Was Over, a history of modern Cambodia

Syrian civil war

Assad preparing to use chemical weapons: Source

Israel's military intelligence chief says Syria's embattled president, Bashar Assad, is preparing to use chemical weapons.

Maj. Gen. Aviv Kochavi told a security conference in the coastal town of Herzliya that Assad is stepping up his offensive against rebels trying to oust him.

He claims Assad is preparing to use chemical weapons, but has not given the order to deploy them. He did not disclose information on why he thinks this.

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Bin Laden raid. Pakistani health workers accused of CIA collusion reinstated

A Pakistani court Thursday reinstated 17 health workers who were fired last year for allegedly participating in a CIA scheme to confirm the presence of Osama bin Laden in a town in northwest Pakistan, a defence lawyer said.

Lawyer Javed Awan said the court order affected 16 women and one men whom a government health department suspended last year for failing to inform authorities about Pakistani doctor Shakil Afridi's fake vaccination campaign. The health workers insist they did not know Afridi was working for the CIA.

The campaign aimed to collect blood samples from bin Laden's family to show that the al-Qaida leader was in the northern town of Abbottabad, where he was later killed in a U.S. raid in May 2011. Pakistan strongly protested the raid, considering it a violation of the country's sovereignty.

Awan said the 17 had been directed by senior health officials to participate in the vaccination campaign, and that they were innocent of wrongdoing.

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Pope Francis puts humility on display

First day. The new Pope eschews the ceremonial trappings of his predecessor

Pope Francis put his humility on display during his first day as pontiff on Thursday, stopping by his hotel to pick up his luggage and pay the bill himself in a decidedly different style of papacy than his tradition-minded predecessor, who tended to stay ensconced in the frescoed halls of the Vatican.

The break from Benedict XVI's pontificate was evident even in Francis's wardrobe choices: He kept the simple iron pectoral cross of his days as bishop and eschewed the red cape that Benedict wore when he was presented to the world for the first time in 2005 — choosing instead the simple white cassock of the papacy.

And in his first mass as pope, Francis showed how different he would be as a pastor, giving an off-the-cuff homily about the need to walk with God, build up His church and confess — at one point referring to children building sandcastles on the beach.

It was a far simpler message than the dense, three-page discourse Benedict delivered in Latin during his first mass as pope in 2005.

The difference in style was a sign of Francis's belief that the Catholic Church needs to be at one with the people it serves and not impose its message on a society that often doesn't want to hear it, Francis's authorized biographer, Sergio Rubin, said in an interview on Thursday.

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What's in a face: Mexico-based facial-communication psychologist Miriam Cervantes Rodriguez analyzes the new pontiff's visage

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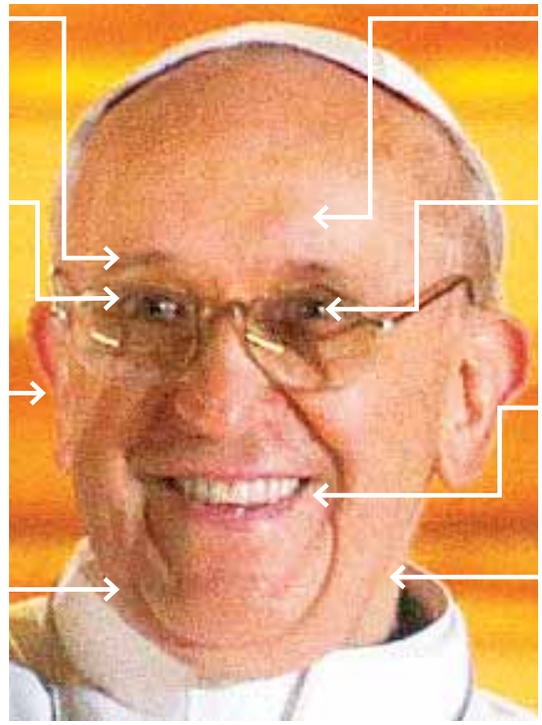

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Eyebrows

Observer. Close to the eyes, which denotes that he keeps himself focused, with sustained attention. Very observant.

Eyelashes

Apprehensive. Small and thin. Indicate nervousness.

Ears

Analytical. Low, large and open: Key for decision-making that requires repeated analysis of information. Has a lot of physical energy.

Chin

Intense. Shows its intensity to achieve objectives; does not cave to pressure and can be aggressive if necessary.

Frontal sinuses

Innovative. Shows rich imagination, ingenuity and initiative. Creative, active, selective and, in general, of optimistic nature.

Irises

Emotional. Wide, a lot of expression in the eyes, which signifies an openness to emotional exchange.

Mouth

Discreet. Large with thin lips. Denotes the gift of the word, great charisma and discretion when talking about personal matters.

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Environment. Polar bears could be turning brown

How polar bears got their white coat remains a scientific mystery, but newly published research suggests a way they could turn brown again.

One of the study's authors says that's what might eventually happen to some groups of modern bears as climate change alters their habitat.

Beth Shapiro, one of the authors of the study, said as climate change reduces sea ice and changes the habitat of some polar bears, they are starting to look more like their southern cousins.

"We've seen that polar bears are hybridizing with brown bears now, at the edge of their range in Canada.

Polar bears could lose their white coats. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"It means if we destroy all their habitat, and the only habitat that's left for polar bears looks like brown-bear habitat, then they're just going to hybridize with brown bears and turn into brown bears."

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Missions to Mars

Europe, Russia sign space deal

The European Space Agency says it has signed an agreement with its Russian counterpart to work together toward two missions to Mars.

The partnership comes after NASA pulled out of the ExoMars program with ESA last year due to budget cuts.

ESA said in a statement on Thursday that it and Roscomos aim to launch missions in 2016 and 2018 to try to establish whether life ever existed on Mars.

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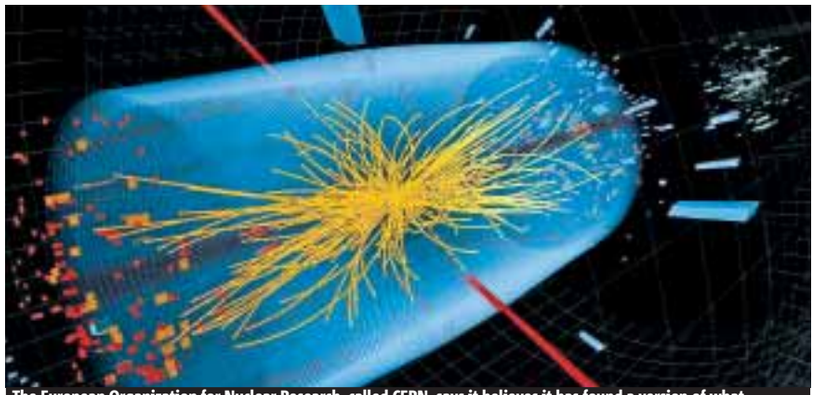
Physicists close to proving existence of 'God particle'

Building block of universe. Discovery would be contender for Nobel Prize



The European Organization for Nuclear Research, called CERN, says it believes it has found a version of what is popularly referred to as the "God particle," which explains what gives matter its shape. CERN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The search is all but over for a subatomic particle that is considered a crucial building block of the universe.

Physicists said Thursday they believe they have discovered the subatomic particle predicted nearly a half-century ago, which will go a long way toward explaining what gives all matter in the universe size and shape.

The elusive particle, called a Higgs boson, was predicted in 1964 to help fill in our understanding of the creation of the universe, which many theorize occurred in a massive explosion known as the Big Bang. The particle was named for Peter Higgs, one of the physicists who proposed its existence, but it later became popularly known as the "God particle."

The discovery would be a strong contender for the Nobel Prize. Last July, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, announced finding a particle they described as Higgs-like, but they stopped short of saying conclusively that it was the same particle or was some version of it.

Scientists have now finished going through the entire set of data.

"The preliminary results with the full 2012 data set are magnificent and to me it is clear that we are dealing with a Higgs boson, though we still have a long way to go to know what kind of Higgs boson it is," said Joe Incandela, a physicist who heads one of the two main teams at CERN.

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TSA still OK with knives on airplanes

Time-consuming search. Despite backlash, U.S. Transportation Security Administration insists small knives won't pose danger to passengers

The head of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration told lawmakers Thursday he stands by his plan to allow passengers to carry small knives onto planes despite a growing backlash against the proposal.

It's unlikely in these days of hardened cockpit doors and other preventative measures that the small folding knives could be used by terrorists to take over a plane, TSA administrator John Pistole told a hearing of the House Homeland Security Committee.

On the other hand, searching for the knives on passengers or in their carry-on bags is time consuming, Pistole said. TSA screeners confiscate about 2,000 such knives every day, with each incident chewing up about two to three minutes, he said.

"I think the decision is solid and it stands and we plan to move forward," Pistole said.

The policy, which goes into effect April 25, has sparked strong opposition from flight attendants, federal air marshals, some pilot unions, aviation insurers and even some airline CEOs. In the hands of the wrong passengers, the knives present an unnecessary safety risk to flight attendants and other passengers, critics say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Know what you can bring

Other items the policy will now allow passengers to include in their carry-on:

- Novelty-size baseball bats less than 61 centimetres long, toy plastic bats, billiard cues, ski poles, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks and two golf clubs.
- Items like box cutters and razor blades are still prohibited.

Fountain turns into ice sculpture

A man passes a frozen fountain in Duisburg, Germany, on Thursday. Western Europe was hit by late-winter snowstorms, causing schools to close, leaving cars stranded and closing airports. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic regatta

Tonnes of dead fish found in Rio river

Rio de Janeiro's environmental authorities say the amount of dead fish removed from a lake where the Olympic regatta will be held in 2016 stands at more than 60 tonnes.

Rio's municipal department of the environment says in a Thursday statement that since Monday the 65 tonnes of dead fish have been removed from the Rodrigo de Freitas lake. The lake located in the heart of the city is among the area's many tourist attractions.

The department says that a rainstorm earlier this week washed organic matter into the lake, leading to the big die-off of the fish.

It says the situation is improving and that no dead fish were pulled out of the lake on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Play area

Kid ate a condom at McDonald's: Suit

A lawsuit against McDonald's alleges a child ate a used condom he found in the play area of one of the chain's Chicago restaurants.

The suit was filed Wednesday on behalf of Anishi Spencer and her two sons, who were three and two years old at the time of the alleged incident in February 2012.

The mother alleges the two-year-old coughed up a piece of the condom and that both children required medical treatment. The suit accuses McDonald's of failing to remove harmful debris from an area used by children.

McDonald's said Thursday it was investigating, and that "providing a safe, clean environment is a top priority."

The woman's attorney says he tried for months to reach a settlement but got no response. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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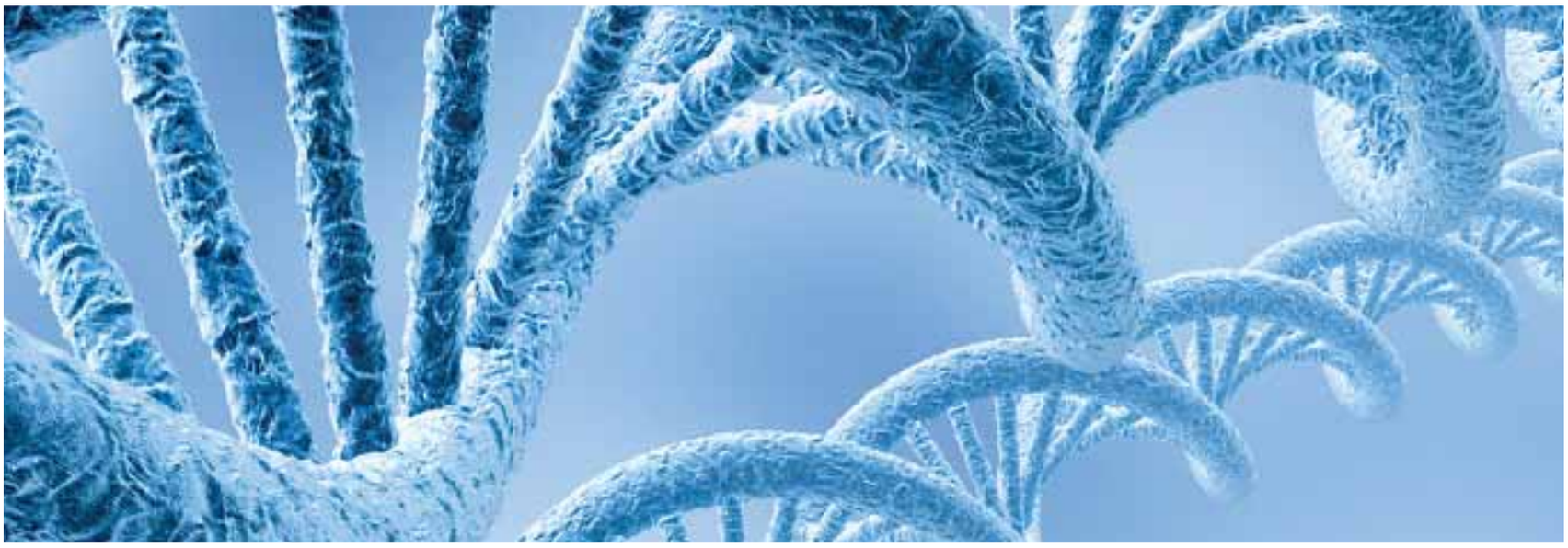
Sugar and spice and everything nice? More like deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA. Just like you can make different kinds of cakes by altering the recipe slightly, we are all made of the same ingredients in unique amounts. In this final instalment in our three-part series on genealogy, we look at what our genetic make-up can tell us about our ancestry.



Go way back with Mitochondrial DNA

A researcher at the lab at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory.
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Research. DNA serves as an important and interesting research tool in discovering where your ancestors were really from

SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

Digging through family records and talking to grandpa are good sources for starting a family tree. But to go a little further back — say 100,000 years — everything you want to know is already inside of you.

Well, it's in your mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), to be more precise, and researchers at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory in Thunder Bay, Ont., can use it to trace lineage way, way back.

"We deal with deep ancestry here," explained Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager.

"Basically your mitochondrial DNA can date back anywhere from 10,000 years ago to 120,000 years ago ... so you can find out things like if you came right from Africa or somewhere in Europe.

"We're talking about hundreds of generations."

Because mtDNA is only passed down on the mother's side, Fratpietro explained it is perfect for DNA detectives like him to use for research.

By analyzing the mutations in mtDNA taken from a simple swab of the inside of the cheek, researchers can determine exactly how new or how old your genetics are, where in the world they come from and who you're related too.

"People often want to know where their genetics came from," said Fratpietro.

"If you're trying to figure out if you're related to a long lost relative, like a fifth cousin twice removed or something, you can try to establish a common maternal lineage through genealogy using DNA, and confirm whether you're actually related or not."

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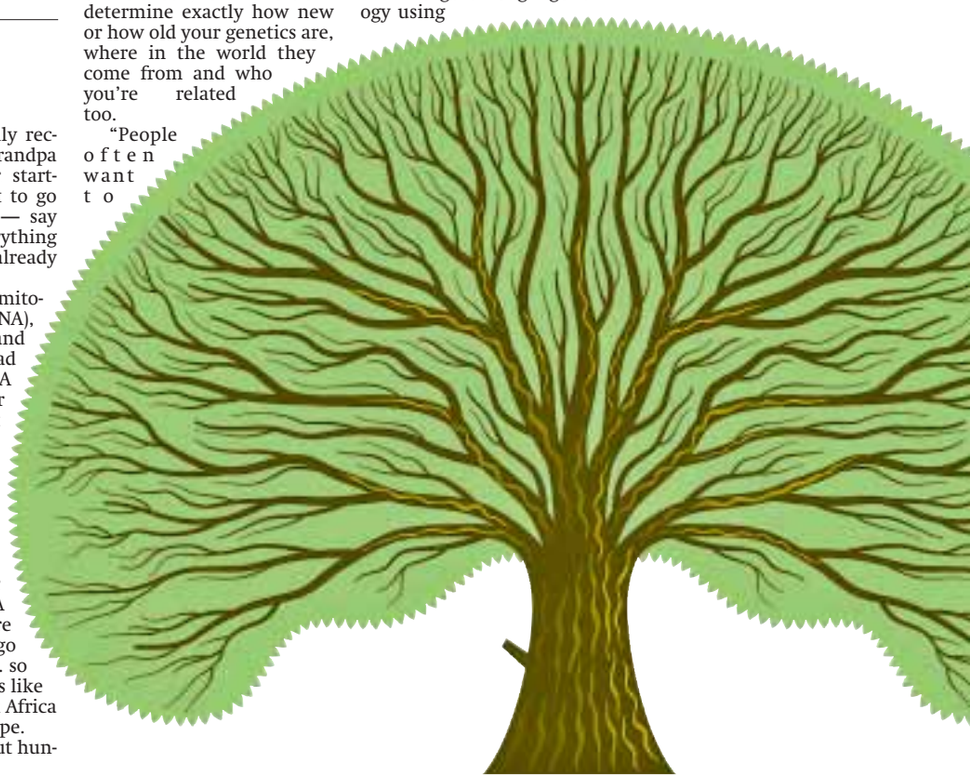


Who can benefit from mtDNA?

The answer may surprise you.

- It's not just living people who can have mtDNA testing done. The Paleo-DNA laboratory at Lakehead University is often tasked with testing degraded archeological material dug up at ancient burial sites around the world.
- Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager, said because mtDNA is the most plentiful type of DNA, it is usually all that's left to answer many of the questions archeologists have about their discoveries.
- "The mitochondrial DNA can tell us whether the two individuals found in the same burial are related maternally or not ... and we kind of tell roughly where these people originated from in the world," he explained.

We tested three people to find out what their mtDNA would reveal. The results are in...

Subject 1: Female

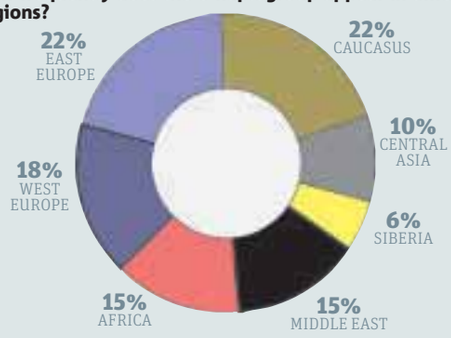
Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted (OK, you've heard that before). I don't really know anything in terms of who created me or what my roots are — which clearly defines who I am today. Yes, I'm super curious! Culturally, this is also a factor. I'm half-Chinese and half-Caucasian (of some sort) and was adopted by Japanese people.

What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject one belongs to haplogroup U3. Haplogroup U hypothetically first appeared about 55,000 to 60,000 years ago. Bryan Sykes, author of The Seven Daughters of Eve named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Ursula. Haplogroup U descended from Haplogroup R, which lived just after a second migration wave out of Africa, says the report. Haplogroup U has an extremely broad geographic distribution that ranges from Europe and North Africa to India and Central Asia due to numerous subsequent migrations. Although some members of haplogroup U migrated north into Scandinavia and others moved south into North Africa, most haplogroup U members stem from a group that moved northward out of the Near East, crossing the rugged Caucasus Mountains in southern Russia and moving on to the steppes of the Black Sea, then west to the present-day Baltic States and western Eurasia.

How frequently does the U haplogroup appear in different regions?



Subject 1's reaction

"Reading the results, I was very surprised to see that the majority of my DNA was not comprised as much from Asia as I initially thought. I've always thought I was a mix of just about everything but was surprised that it was mostly from eastern Europe and western Asia."

Subject 2: Female

Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted when I was young and I know almost nothing about my biological ancestors. Knowing where I came from would give me a better understanding of who I am."

What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject two belongs to haplogroup J and subject three belongs to J2. This means they share a maternal ancestor somewhere in the very distant past. Haplogroup J theoretically first appeared in the Near East about 50,000 years ago.

Sykes named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Jasmine. Haplogroup J derives from the haplogroup JT, which also gave rise to Haplogroup T. Haplogroup J is associated with the Neolithic expansion, the first use of agriculture, into Europe approximately 12,000 to 10,000 years ago.

Groups of hunter-gatherers and subsistence fishermen had been occupying much of Eurasia for tens of thousands of years when a group of modern humans living in the Fertile Crescent (present-day eastern Turkey and northern Syria) began domesticating the plants, nuts and seeds they had been foraging about 10,000 years ago, the report adds.

Haplogroup J's most recent common ancestor likely made their homeland around the Levant, a coastal region in what is now Lebanon. The highest frequency of the haplogroup is found in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni belong to this haplogroup.

The J1 subclade accounts for almost 70 per cent of the total J population. The J1 subclade occurs throughout the European continent including Britain. The J2 subclade is 10,000 years older than subclade J1. The J2 subclade is more localized along the Mediterranean and especially the Balkan Peninsula. J2 population are actually quite diverse and range from the Mansi and other Ob River populations in Western Siberia (10 per cent of the J2 population) to populations of Northern Iran (five per cent of the J2 population), adds the report.

Subject 2's reaction

"Since I'm adopted, I really had no expectations about what would be discovered, but I certainly did not expect to have any common ancestry with another person taking part in this story! I found it incredible how far back they were able to look. It was surprising to me that I have Arabian ancestry. I'd definitely not have guessed that."

Subject 3's reaction

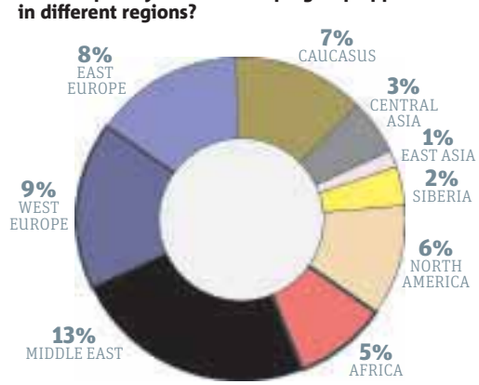
It's a bit of a surprise that those with my genetic makeup are found primarily in the Middle East, specifically in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni population belong to my genetic group. Although Pakistan, where I was born, isn't that far off geographically speaking, it means somewhere down the line my ancestors migrated to South Asia. I wouldn't blame them. We got the best mangoes.

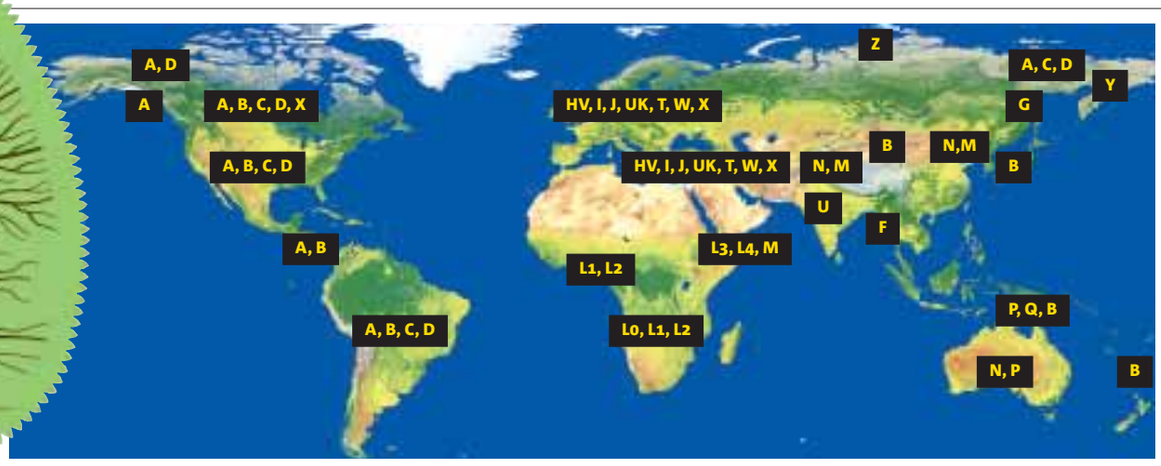
Subject 3: Male

Why did you want to take part?

"I was born in a part of the world where there were people coming in from various empires over various time periods. It's a jambalaya of Arabs, Indians, Iranians, Mongolians and a plethora of other people. I always wanted to figure out what mix I came from."

How frequently does the J haplogroup appear in different regions?





Where are they from? Distribution of major MtDNA haplogroups

What is a haplogroup?

- A haplogroup is a category that is used to group similar mtDNA profiles.
- These profiles have common mutations in their DNA that make them similar to each other but different to other haplogroups.
- Haplogroups are classified in capital letters and can have subgroups which are denoted with numbers. For example L1, L2, L3.

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If you missed part of Metro's Who Are You? series, visit metronews.ca/whoareyou for more fun facts about ancestry, including quizes, celebrity connections and information on how you can research your family tree.

Samsung turns up the heat with new iPhone challenger

Smartphone wars. Galaxy S4 boasts larger screen and new ways to interact with device

People interact with the new Samsung Galaxy S4 on Thursday after it was revealed at an event in New York City. ALLISON JOYCE/GETTY IMAGES

Samsung Electronics is ratcheting up its rivalry with Apple with its new Galaxy S4 smartphone, which has a larger, sharper screen than its predecessor, the bestselling S III.

Samsung trumpeted the much-anticipated phone's arrival Thursday at an event in New York City accompanied by a live orchestra, while an audience of thousands watched the theatrics unfold on a four-level stage. Summoning up a touch of Broadway, Samsung employed 17 actors to demonstrate the new phone's features in a series of scripted vignettes.

The Galaxy S4, which crams a five-inch screen into a body slightly smaller than the S III's, will go sale in the U.S. sometime between the end of April and the end of June.

All told, Samsung plans to offer the Galaxy S4 through 327 carriers in 155 countries, giving it a wider reach than Apple's iPhone 5.

Samsung didn't say what the phone will cost. JK Shin, the executive in charge of Samsung's mobile communications division, promised the money would be well spent for a "life companion" that will "improve the way most people live every day."

That bold promise set the tone for the kind of flashy presentation associated with the showmanship of Apple, the company that Samsung has been trying to upstage.

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Galaxy S4 features

While the S4 doesn't have eye tracking, as rumoured, it does have the following:

- A five-inch screen, an upgraded processor, and a battery 20 per cent larger than the S III's. Samsung didn't say if that translates into a longer battery life.
- Several new technologies to help users interact with the phone. For instance, the screen now senses fingers hovering just above it, and some applications react.
- Users can control some other applications by making gestures in the air above the phone. In the browser, you can command the screen to scroll up by swiping from top to bottom a few inches from the phone.

Media. PKP steps aside as Quebecor CEO, but will still guide corporate strategy

Pierre Karl Péladeau, known as PKP, will no longer be CEO of media giant Quebecor Inc. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The high-profile and sometimes controversial CEO of Quebecor Inc. is stepping down to have more personal time, but Pierre Karl Péladeau will still have influence over his company's corporate strategy.

Péladeau, known by his nickname PKP in French and English, will remain as chairman of one of its main subsidiaries, Quebecor Media. That division includes newspapers hit by weak advertising and recent layoffs and will require some of his attention to improve it.

Péladeau said he will provide advice and leadership on strategic projects "vital" to the media and telecom company, but also cited family and philanthropy as reasons for stepping down.

"Because one cannot be a part-time CEO, I have decided to retire from this position and devote my life to other pursuits," he told a conference call after the company released its quarterly results Thursday.

His executive duties will be taken over by Robert Dépatie, who has been president and CEO of Quebecor's cash-generating Videotron cable and Internet service since 2003.

Becoming more involved with philanthropic activities is something his late father would support, Péladeau said.

"My dad used to say when you receive so much in life, you must give back even more."

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Halliburton finds cement samples that weren't turned over to BP trial

BP's cement contractor on the Deepwater Horizon rig has discovered cement samples possibly tied to the ill-fated drilling project that weren't turned over to the U.S. Justice Department after the 2010 oil spill, a lawyer for the contractor said Thursday.

Halliburton lawyer Donald Godwin told U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier that the company believes the material found Wednesday at its laboratory in Lafayette has no bearing on the ongoing trial to assign responsibility for the nation's worst offshore oil spill. The non-jury trial began Feb. 25 in New Orleans and could last months.

But a plaintiffs' attorney, Jeffrey Breit, countered that the samples are cement a Halliburton employee used for testing of BP PLC's Macondo well before the disaster.

The blowout and explosion on April 20, 2010, killed 11 workers and led to the enormous spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The failure of the cement job to seal the well was part of a complex web of mistakes that led to the blowout, according to a series of government probes.

In an email to the court, Godwin says Halliburton is investigating whether the cement samples should have been turned over in response to subpoenas.

"The lab was immediately instructed to photograph the materials and to continue to hold them," Godwin wrote.

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March 21. Federal budget will hold line on restraint

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will deliver the federal budget on March 21, a plan that is expected to be an exercise in restraint as the minister remains focused on his goal of balancing the books by 2015.

Coming at a time of anemic economic growth, the budget is likely to stay the course of fiscal restraint, without any goodies.

But Flaherty downplayed the slower-than-expected economic growth Thursday as he announced the budget date.

"It's an interim concern, it's not a long-term concern in terms of real GDP growth and, as you know, our target is to balance the budget in 2015," the minister said. "We remain on target and I look forward to answering many more questions next Thursday after the budget."

Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of just 0.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2012, suggesting the economy stalled in the second half of last year.

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Free-trade negotiations

Harper, Ayrault tout progress on Canada-EU deal

"Considerable progress" has been made towards a free-trade deal between Canada and the EU, but there are still outstanding issues that must be settled before an agreement can be finalized, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday during a visit to Ottawa by French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault.

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Going after Big Tobacco

Court reapproves landmark ruling on smoking lawsuits

The Florida Supreme Court has decided not to upset its own 1996 landmark "Engle" decision that makes it easier for thousands of sick smokers or their survivors to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies. The court re-approved the decision as it affirmed a $2.5-million US jury verdict in the death of smoker Charlotte Douglas.

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U.K. media scandal

Cameron pushes plan for press self-regulation

British Prime Minister David Cameron says he'll champion self-regulation for Britain's scandal-tainted press, bucking a key recommendation of his own media inquiry and setting up what might be a bruising confrontation with coalition colleagues. "I've chosen a practical solution over an unworkable solution," he said.

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COMPANY TATTOOED ON HIS SKIN

THE METRO LIST

Neil Morton
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1 Stompin' Tom memorial. The likes of Sylvia Tyson, Dave Bidini, Adrienne Clarkson and Ken Dryden gave a farewell to remember at his public memorial Wednesday at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough, Ont. — the city in which Connors received his Stompin' Tom moniker in 1967 during a King George Tavern gig. I was at the touching memorial, and it was one of those special patriotic nights I'll never forget.

2 New Pope = Twitter frenzy. Twitter went nuts Wednesday when white smoke billowed above the Vatican and Pope Francis was revealed. About 130 million tweets were sent after the announcement was made. Even the official papal twitter account, @pontifex, was reactivated that day, and the account has nearly two million followers.

3 Bachelor finale. It was the most dramatic Bachelor finale yet — or wait, it always is. Anyway, Sean was hot for teacher Lindsay but his heart was with Catherine, who accepted his proposal. The Bachelor has a spotty romantic track record, but this will work. It's the law of averages. Plus Sean and Catherine have decided to marry on TV. They can't let millions of viewers wearing rose-coloured glasses down.

4 Dare to Wear Gala. This charity fashion runway event by Toronto designers/couple Chris Tyrell and Jim Searle raises money in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation in its fight against AIDS in Africa. It takes place March 22 and is the highlight of the Dare to Wear Love campaign and Toronto Fashion Week. Learn more at daretowearlove.com.

5 @Stats_Canada: The book. One of my fave parody Twitter accounts, @Stats_Canada, which tweets out awesome stats that aren't real stats about Canada but could be — e.g. "78% of Canadians are angry with someone, but will never show it" — is being adapted into a book. Stats Canada: Statire on a National Scale, by its anonymous creators, is out this Fall. Ninety-one percent of Canadians will buy it.

6 Small-town love/hate. The Twitter account @smalltwnprobs about life in a small town is a gem with tweets like, "You drove a tractor pretty much before you could walk," "You run into your parents while skipping class" and "People don't use turn signals cause you know where they're going." And it's becoming a big-city hit, with 100,000-plus followers.

7 Roll Up the Rim. I always love this Tim Hortons promo, and for this campaign and all future ones they do, I decided that instead of using the winning coffee and doughnuts for myself, I can do better. All coffee and doughnuts I win will go to the homeless. So far, I've won four. Winning has never felt better.

8 Real Hipsters of Vancouver. A casting call has gone out for a pilot episode for a reality show called Real Hipsters of Vancouver. Its creators envision showing that hipsters aren't just slackers wearing plaid and drinking bad beer, but are ambitious, creative people wearing plaid and drinking bad beer while following a dream.

9 Netflixed. A man shared his love for the video-streaming service by getting a Netflix tattoo in honour of it. When he tweeted his tat to them, the company responded by giving the guy a free year of service. I'm going to get a logo of every company I'm paying bills to tattooed on my skin , tweet them pictures of it and see how much I can save.

10 St. Patrick's Day. It's St. Paddy's Day this Sunday. Have a great one.

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ZOOM

Observatory makes galactic find

ALMA

Stars found to be older than once thought

The world's most powerful telescope (pictured at left) unveiled this week has already made its first discovery: Galaxies as bright as 40 trillion suns. The stars, seen by the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) in Chile, started some 12.7 billion years ago when the universe was only one billion years old.

Experts already know that starbursts — bright periods of fast star creation — were more common in the early universe than today. But these groundbreaking images taken at an altitude of 5,000 metres on the remote Chajnantor Plateau in the Chilean Andes reveal that stellar birth occurred a full billion years earlier in the universe than previously thought.

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This montage combines data from ALMA with images from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope, for five distant galaxies. The ALMA images, represented in red, show the distant background galaxies, being distorted by the gravitational lens effect produced by the galaxies in the foreground, depicted in the Hubble data in blue. The background galaxies appear warped into rings of light known as Einstein rings, which encircle the foreground galaxies. ALMA

Clickbait

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Bandcamp is an online store where fans can buy music directly from the artist, with the added bonus of allowing us to preview entire albums. It's a great model that has lured plenty of artists to set up shop there, including these Canadians:

Sean Nicolas Savage

This Montreal artist has a fairly robust selection of six albums to choose from, but none quite as dreamy as Flamingo. A light-as-a-feather collection of whispered ballads tailor-made for quiet mornings.

White Lung

The tags on White Lung's page may be a bit intimidating, but there's nothing to fear if you happen to be a fan of slithering guitars, pummelled drums and an irresistible frontwoman.

Bear Mountain

A sample-heavy dance party from Vancouver best enjoyed with a great pair of headphones and a sunny-day stroll.

Letters

Best and worst of St. Paddy's Day

Like any kid who grew up in a predominantly Irish home, I was dragged to Irish dance classes and forced to wear a green ribbon in my curly locks. Make no mistake, I'm Irish.

Although I've always been proud of my heritage, I've only grudgingly endured the annual celebratory displays of it, cringing at the way every year "Irish" becomes simultaneously synonymous with "adorable wee folk" and "public urination." Pot o' gold! Always after me Lucky Charms! Blah Blah blarney!

Because I love my family and I love my identity, in a way that has nothing to do with shamrock shakes and green beer or great throngs of people celebrating intoxication and cereal-box leprechauns. And I'm Irish enough to know that stupid stereotypes can Pog Mo Thoin!

According to legend, St. Patrick banished snakes from the rock and used a shamrock to teach the concept of the Holy Trinity. Maybe he can do something about the commercialization.

Anyway, Erin go braugh to ya.

Lisa Perry, Victoria, B.C.

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Synopsis

For years Burt Wonderstone (Steve Carell) and Anton Marvelton (Steve Buscemi) ruled the Las Vegas strip with a magic show that made Siegfried & Roy look understated. But their dominance of Sin City's showrooms disappears when a David Blaine type, guerrilla street magician Steve Gray (Jim Carrey) starts a turf war in town. His daring act makes the glitter and glitz of their show look well past its sell-by date. To stay relevant Wonderstone and Marvelton stage their own daring stunt, which just may be their grand finale.

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●●●○○

Steve Carrell, Steve Buscemi and Olivia Wilde star in The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. HANDOUT

Where's the magic?

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. A stellar cast and some funny moments aren't enough to keep an audience spellbound

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Richard: Mark, I kept waiting for The Incredible Burt Wonderstone to pull a rabbit out of its hat and get really funny, and yet the rabbit never appeared. I fail to see how Jim Carrey, Steve Carrell, Steve Buscemi and Alan Arkin can share a marquee and have the movie fall so flat. Each has a potentially great comedic character and the premise should have been ripe for parody, but instead we get an only occasionally amusing movie. Was it a magical experience for you?

Mark: Actually, Richard, I smiled right through the movie, which I didn't expect because like all comedians, I hate magic. And I think the shots taken at both the overblown, wheezy Vegas magic productions, and the new, punk, Jackass-style magic were both very funny. The satire worked for me, the sentimentality less so. There are a lot of good showbiz jokes along the way, and I thought Jim Carrey was perfectly cast as the anything-for-a-thrill Chris Angel type. Richard, what did you think of Carrey?

RC: He was the highlight for me. No one plays controlled chaos like Carrey and I thought his increasingly self-aggrandizing behaviour was the best thing in the movie. It was Carrell that let me down. He's too likable an actor to pull off Wonderstone's egotistical, one-note womanizing act. The fake tan and mullet do some of the work, but it never feels real, and even less so when he falls into Woody Allen territory during his romantic redemption with a love interest 23 years younger. On top of that his gearshift down from narcissist to nice guy doesn't come off as anything but generic and predictable. Nothing magical about it.

MB: Absolutely right. And I felt the same way about Steve Buscemi. Olivia Wilde is just the affordable Megan Fox. But isn't it amazing how Alan Arkin can steal EVERY scene in EVERY movie he's in?

RC: I thought Buscemi and Wilde weren't really given enough to do to make any lasting impression. They play decent, nice people and in a movie like this, featuring raging egotists and insane illusionists, nice guys and gals do finish last. Arkin isn't given much to do either, although he does have a nice gag or two, but at least he remembered to pack his trademarked deadpan delivery in his bag of tricks.

MB: I didn't like the way the movie romanticized rootsy card tricks and sleight of hand as somehow more morally authentic than the glitzy Vegas magic. But I was still entertained enough to enjoy large parts of the movie, mostly in the first half.

SCENE

Thriller

The Call

Director. Brad Anderson

Stars. Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin, Michael Eklund

When Casey comes to in the trunk of a car, the frantic teen (played by the terrific Abigail Breslin) does what most would — she calls 9-1-1. The call is the beginning of an intense cat-and-mouse game as dispatcher Jordan (Berry) tries to track Casey's abductor and save the girl's life. The film builds in intensity, as every passing moment could be Casey's last. But, like many Hollywood thrillers, the film will lose its captive audience when it ventures from the acceptable to the ridiculously far-fetched. **REGAN REID**

Veronica Mars movie gets a $2M kick start

Fan funded. Show's creator Rob Thomas and star Kristen Bell break Kickstarter records for raising money to make feature film

SAM CASTONE
Metro World News

How to make $2 million in one day: Step 1: Create a beloved TV series, called Veronica Mars, starring Kristen Bell as a sassy teen detective. Step 2: End the show in its prime, leaving fans craving a movie version. Step 3: Wait six years and put your movie idea on Kickstarter, the crowdfunding website, offering fans prizes for donating cash, used to complete said film. Step 4: Watch as the money rolls in — in less than 24 hours.

At press time, Bell and Mars creator Rob Thomas raised more than $2.5 million, with money still coming. The film is a go, and shoots this summer.

"Holy cow, what a day," Thomas wrote his fans. "As of 4 a.m. CT, we're just over $2.5 million. We couldn't be happier. We really couldn't. My wife says I'm insufferable, but she said that four days ago in anticipation of a day like today."

The campaign, launched Wednesday, broke records. It was the fastest Kickstarter project to raise $1 million, much less $2 million. It's the first studio-backed project to raise this much money (Warner Brothers owns the show).

"Kristen and I met with the Warner Bros. brass, and they agreed to allow us to take this shot," Thomas wrote on the Kickstarter page. "They were extremely cool about it, as a matter of fact. Their reaction was, if you can show there's enough fan interest to warrant a movie, we're on board. So this is it."

Donations ranged from $10 (for a PDF of the script) to $10,000 (for a speaking role).

Besides a Mars movie, the success also has wide implications for Hollywood. Fans can now demand entertainment, and fund it, and studios may be more willing to let creators have control. What's next? A proper Deadwood finale? A Freaks and Geeks reunion? A Firefly Christmas special?

Quoted

"Kristen and I met with the Warner Bros. brass, and they agreed to allow us to take this shot"

Veronica Mars Rob Thomas on the origins of the Kickstarter idea for a Veronica Mars movie

Kristen Bell, who played Veronica Mars. HANDOUT

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Evil Dead. Remake stays loyal to the camp and gratuitous fire hose blood

Plans to remake the 1981 cult horror film Evil Dead may have brought some initial skepticism, but with the original filmmakers behind the scenes and a fresh-faced director and cast to inject youthful enthusiasm, the South by Southwest festival crowd in Austin welcomed the reboot with open arms.

Sam Raimi, who directed the original, and Bruce Campbell, who starred in it, produced the new Evil Dead. Fede Alvarez, a Uruguayan directing his first feature-length film, oversaw a small cast.

The film reimagines the plot of the first Evil Dead but replaced the original five college students on vacation with five high school friends reuniting to help one of them kick a drug addiction.

When they find the Book of the Dead in their cabin, a demon emerges to possess the students one by one until only one remains.

Gone is the iconic hero Ash, played by Campbell, with Alvarez taking a more ensemble approach that gives Levy and Fernandez equal time.

The new Evil Dead won over the crowd during a screening at the SXSW festival. HANDOUT

The mix of fire hose blood spray, psychological terror and black humour, though, remain true to the campy original that boiled the horror movie genre down to its essence.

Robert Tapert, who produced the original and the remake, said Evil Dead was intended for drive-in movies and crowded theatres, but most fans only discovered it on VHS or DVD years later.

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No Arkin magic

"See, I don't give a damn anymore ... I'm going to die soon. It doesn't matter. I say anything that comes.

"The magician came over to me on the first day and said we have to work. I said get away from me. Don't get anywhere near me. I said for me to learn what I'm supposed to do in this movie would have taken me four years. I said it's not going to happen. Just keep away from me. I said they'll do it in CGI and that's enough."

Alan Arkin on why he refused to learn any magic tricks for his role as an elderly magician in the new film The Incredible Burt Wonderstone.
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Sunscreen the law in the world of Jennifer Garner

After Argo. Star talks about her gown at the Oscars and how her hubby Ben Affleck stole the show

Jennifer Garner tries not to look at reviews of the outfits she wears because, inevitably, someone isn't going to like it.

"It's not good for my self-esteem," she said Wednesday while in New York to open the Neutrogena Sun Summit.

The exception was after the Oscars last month. Garner's violet-coloured, custom-made Gucci gown was a winner — but that wasn't what she was looking for after husband Ben Affleck's film Argo won best picture. "I revelled in all those good pictures of him," she said.

Garner, a Neutrogena spokeswoman, practises what she preaches when it comes to sun safety. Her children make sure of it.

In her household, sunscreen is like seat belts: non-negotiable. Garner said while she was away Wednesday, the kids surely would remind their dad if he dropped them at school without their daily slathering.

"I think I once told my kids it was against the law not to wear sunscreen," she said.

Garner's appearance was followed by a panel discussion that included dermatologists, a NASA scientist and Mexican actress Sandra Echeverria.

An eager science student growing up, Garner, 40, said the conference's terminology — and warnings — about the ozone layer and ultraviolet rays isn't lost on her. She joked, though, that she wouldn't want to be quoted on exactly what the Helioplex formulation is or what vitamin C can do for the skin.

But she had her "a-ha" moment about sun damage in her 20s, when she was out with friends. "They all had big hats on and I didn't.

Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck at the Oscars. GETTY IMAGES

"Suddenly you look one day and the sun damage is there ... and then you see it increase exponentially."

She'll take little credit for that Oscar night look — calling it a team effort led by Rachel Zoe. The partnership between Zoe and Garner goes back more than a decade, with Garner as the stylist's first big Hollywood client.

"She knows I'm not going to wear super-crazy fashion," said Garner. Where Garner leans toward comfort, Zoe goes for fancy — and "she usually wins."

Garner's outfit Wednesday — an Oscar de la Renta sheath dress and pointy-toe pumps in black patent leather — hit the right balance. In her casual style, Garner, wearing a smile, described the look as "just a little purple Oscar number."

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American dream of an American outlaw

New book. Best selling author Tom Folsom discusses his new biography of Dennis Hopper

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

Often misunderstood, Dennis Hopper has finally had his life story told.
GETTY IMAGES

Dennis Hopper — actor, director, artist and husband to Michelle Phillips for eight days — died in 2010 having never put his turbulent life down on paper. Enter Tom Folsom. The documentarian and writer of the bestseller The Mad Ones: Crazy Joe Giallo and the Revolution at the Edge of the Underworld turns to another stranger-than-fiction life. He has penned Hopper: A Journey into the American Dream, a slim and rollicking ride culled from hundreds of interviews and much digging through myths.

Hopper died in 2010. When did you get the idea for this book?
Late 2009, I'd say. There was that whole tabloid divorce, there was this big book of his photos that came out. I had gotten a book deal and I thought I'd try to help him finish his memoirs. He'd been trying to do his book for 30 years and he just never got anything on the page. I write a lot about gangsters and American outlaws, and Dennis' story to me had that outlaw quality to it.

Did you get to meet him before his death?
No, I didn't. I was able to have a great heart-to-heart conversation with Peter Fonda for three hours over tequila at the Beverly Wilshire. He was really quite honest about him. They were these two kids, he was the star of Roger Corman motorcycle movies and Hopper was this out-of-work contract player. He was on the way down when he was doing Easy Rider. He was blackballed by Warner Bros. and they went down to New Orleans, shooting on 16mm and it was chaos. And out of that they revolutionized Hollywood. And after that? It's a disillusion of their friendship. Fonda was kicked out of Hopper's funeral. I thought it was pretty tragic.

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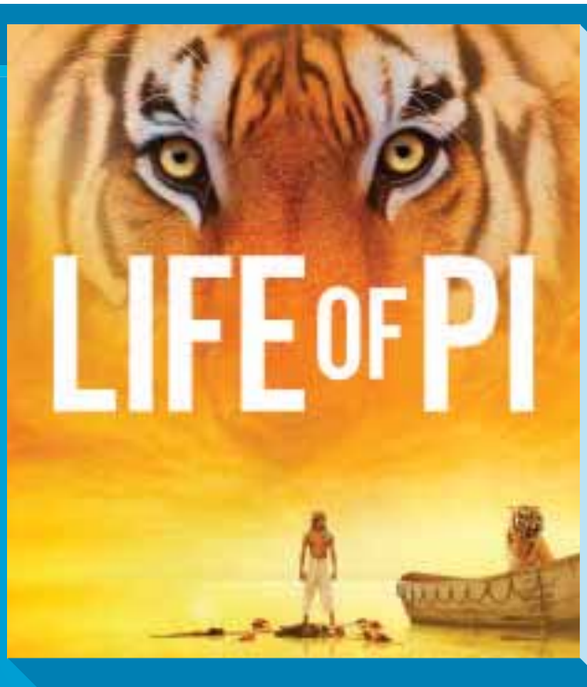

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Bublé has much bigger fish to fry

Michael Bublé has sold millions of albums, but as he readies the release of his newest project, he's less concerned with his future sales, thanks to his wife's pregnancy.

"I'm nervous and excited, and truly I think it's given me great perspective," the singer said at the music video shoot for his new single, It's a Beautiful Day.

"I used to worry about how the single would do and how the record would sell. And the truth is, I love this record. I'm so proud of it. But, at the end of the day, if it sells 10 million or 10 copies, I've got bigger fish to fry," he continued. "I've got a wife and a kid I love very much."

Bublé married Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato in 2011. They announced in January they're expecting their first child.

Michael Bublé has a new baby and a new album on the way. GETTY IMAGES

Most of Bublé's albums have reached multi-platinum status, and his last three releases have hit number one on the Billboard 200 albums chart, including the triple platinum Christmas, the second bestselling album of 2011 behind Adele's 21.

His new album, To Be Loved, will be released April 23. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Proto-punks to proto-supergroup to ... protozoa?

SOUND CHECK
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Iggy Pop, Sound City Players and Marine Bugs are highlighted in this week's Sound Check

Burn/Iggy and the Stooges

They were making punk rock a decade before anyone knew what to call it. The surviving Stooges return in April with just their fifth album in 46 years.

Mantra/Sound City Players

One of my favourite parts of Dave Grohl's Sound City documentary was watching him, Josh Homme and Trent Reznor write a song together in the studio. This is the final result.

Blues for Elle/Some little marine microbes

They've dubbed the sound "microbial bebop." It's surprisingly like modern jazz.

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A tale of two Snoops: he'll always be a Dogg deep down, even as a Lion

Reincarnated. Hip hop star talks about why he put down the Dogg and responds to critics who say the move is just a gimmick

Snoop Lion won't fire back at critics who say his backing of the Rastafari movement is simply another gimmick from one of hip hop's savviest self-marketers. But Snoop Dogg will.

Reggae pioneer Bunny Wailer is the most notable skeptic. Wailer bestowed the Lion name on Snoop, but has since repeatedly questioned the 41-year-old rapper's intentions and commitment to Rasta ideology.

Asked to respond, Snoop's face registered a flash of malice followed by a devilish smile: "If I was Snoop Dogg: '(Expletive) Bunny Wailer.' But I'm Snoop Lion right now, so I'm chilling," he said.

Snoop Lion poses for a portrait at the Westlake Recording Studios in Los Angeles. JORDAN STRAUSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He is using the name to release a reggae- and dancehall-focused album, Reincarnated. Produced by Major Lazer — which includes DJ-producer Diplo — it features guests ranging from Chris Brown and Drake to Jamaica's Mr. Vegas and Mavado.

While promoting an accompanying documentary that tracks his trip to Jamaica and exploration of Rasta culture, Snoop makes it clear that his Lion persona is less a drastic transformation than part of ongoing personal growth.

With his film in limited release this week and his album due out April 23, the performer talked about his identity issues, his effort to stay positive and religion.

Evolution — Snoop-style

"To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career."

Snoop Lion
On why he dropped the Dogg.

What does Snoop Lion mean to you? In the movie we see Bunny Wailer give you the name because he said he didn't want to call you a dog. That was his take on it.
I don't know what that take was because I'm going to always be Snoop Dogg. I can't throw that person away and get rid of him. To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career, the next phase of my life.

In interviews since the film was made, Bunny has been skeptical of you. What's your take on his criticism?
I've done nothing but what I said I was going to do: go to Jamaica, make a great record, intertwine with some people, build on some relationships and come back and bring something back to the community.

What has been religion's place in your life up until now — and how does Rastafari fit in?
As a kid, I was pushed into the Baptist church, taught that way. As an adult, I was able to seek out information on my own to find out that the Muslim religion, Rastafari, Baptist, Christian — that they all the same. They all God-fearing people and love is love. ... It's more based on life and a way of life and liberty as opposed to religion. Because religion is so false, because it's so past tense and written by someone who is not here.
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Game of Thrones' tough newcomer

Rose Leslie. Scottish actress plays Ygritte, the strong, conniving wildling who builds an unlikely relationship with Jon Snow in season three

Actress Rose Leslie plays Ygritte on Game of Thrones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

She had no previous experience wielding weapons or marching through knee-deep snow across frigid glaciers, but 26-year-old Scottish actress Rose Leslie said it felt pretty natural stepping into the role of Ygritte on Game of Thrones.

The cutthroat competition she's used to as an actress doesn't compare to the conniving back-stabbing that's ever-present in George R. R. Martin's A Song of Ice and Fire fantasy books, which the show is based on, but Leslie nevertheless felt a kinship with her tough-as-nails character.

"As a young actor kind of starting off in an industry that is so difficult and competitive, you've got to be strong, there's got to be an element of ambition there and you've got to be tough and determined in your own way," says Leslie. The actress has played strong female characters before — she was the ambitious housemaid Gwen Dawson in the first season of Downton Abbey, who was determined to rise above her station in life and become a secretary.

"What stuck with me with Ygritte was how phenomenally independent and fierce she is and she's a strong, determined young lady in control with every situation.

"So I felt (Ygritte). Of course, you step it up once you do become the character ... but it wasn't difficult stepping into that role, where she is so dominant and powerful and she knows what she wants."

Ygritte emerged as one of the most compelling new characters of the show's second season, introduced when she is captured by Jon Snow and other members of the Night's Watch.

She's unflinchingly ready for death, but when Jon Snow doesn't have the stomach to kill her, she plots how to turn the tables, bides her time, and eventually does go from captive to captor.

Leslie appreciated how multi-dimensional the character is and enjoyed how her Ygritte develops an unlikely relationship with Jon Snow.

"She has a flip side ... she doesn't take herself too seriously and she can be playful and bounce that off her ruthlessness," says Leslie.

"But dominantly she is a killer, she is brutal and has been brought up in these harsh surroundings and therefore is harsh and brutal herself."

Leslie was in Toronto to launch a travelling Game of Thrones exhibit of costumes and props from the show, which runs at the Design Exchange through Saturday.

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Brace yourself

Leslie was mostly tight-lipped about the third season (premiering March 31 on HBO Canada) but here's a hint or two on what to expect.

- Ygritte is briefly seen in an official trailer sporting a bow and arrow and in a blink-and-you'll-miss-it peek at a sex scene.
- "We see the show's beloved characters get tested and pushed to the extreme and I think viewers are going to be pleasantly surprised, but ultimately shocked as well," Leslie says.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Paltrow struggling to get family on gluten-free diet

Gwyneth Paltrow is discovering that getting her family on a new low-carb, gluten-free diet isn't exactly a painless endeavor.

"Sometimes when my family is not eating pasta, bread or processed grains like white rice, we're left with that specific hunger that comes with avoiding carbs," she says in her new cookbook.

But the pain is worth it, she insists.

"Every single nutritionist, doctor and health-conscious person I have ever come across … seems to concur that (gluten) is tough on the system and many of us are at best intolerant of it and at worst allergic to it," she writes.

Geri Halliwell

Geri Halliwell tries being one of the people

Terrible London traffic has driven Spice Girl Geri Halliwell underground, as the singer ventured onto public transportation for the first time in nearly two decades this week.

"Forgive me for being a brat," she tweeted about the experience.

"After 17 years and yesterday's two hours of traffic, let's save time and money — the tube!"

Halliwell also posted photos of herself on the platform and train.

Her final judgment on the experience?

"Not so bad!"

The Word

Miley's hard partying ways find her back on market?

The breakup rumours about Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth are reaching a fever pitch, with the New York Post claiming that the couple's engagement is officially off.

"Miley and Liam are done — it's over," a source tells the newspaper.

"She likes to party really hard and can be pretty wild. It became a problem for him."

But Cyrus is reportedly still holding out hope of a reconciliation.

"They do fight, but she is crazy about Liam," another source says, adding that Cyrus "isn't ready to accept it might be over for good."

Quote

"Miley and Liam are done — it's over"

Source
Speaking to New York Post

Anna Kendrick

Anna Kendrick ends her relationship

Anna Kendrick has reportedly ended her four-year relationship with her Scott Pilgrim vs. the World director Edgar Wright, according to Us Weekly.

"She's single," a source says. "It was done a little while ago."

In her new life as a single gal, Kendrick has been ruminating about what life would be like on reality TV.

"If I were a contestant on The Bachelor, I'd just end up falling in love with the weird sound guy and making things uncomfortable for everyone," she joked recently on Twitter.

"To all the people joking about becoming sound guys, you should also know they put mics in actresses' cleavage and packs on (their) inner thighs. Think about it."

Helen Mirren

Helen Mirren having pup problems

Helen Mirren has been having trouble with one of her canine co-stars in her new West End play, The Audience, leading to seven-year-old corgi Lizzy getting the axe, according to the Telegraph.

The dog, who appeared as one of Queen Elizabeth's pets in the play, failed to hit her cues on 16 separate occasions before producers decided to replace her.

"She was excited the first three times," director Stephen Daldry tells the newspaper. "And then I think she decided she didn't want to be an actress anymore. She decided to retire."

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Drinking like a leprechaun

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For a country not much larger than New Brunswick, Ireland sure has created an international reputation for itself. Whether music, literature, cuisine, bar culture and, of course, liquids, its fame is undeniable.

Though I'm only one quarter Irish, that part of me takes over as the hours grow closer to St. Patrick's Day. That means this weekend I'll be eating and drinking like a giant leprechaun. Irish stew is a personal favourite. And while a seductive pint of Guinness is a match made in heaven, you don't have to stick to the Emerald Isle when it comes to a beverage pairing.

Red wines like meat, with any medium-bodied version made from malbec making a tasty partner. On the white side, think sauvignon blanc or, if you want to get adventurous, a white grüner veltliner from Austria. A unique beer alternative with an Irish theme is Innis & Gunn Irish Whiskey Cask Stout (330 ml, $3.49 - $4.49). It's a Scottish brew aged in barrels previously filled with Irish Whiskey. Dark and chocolaty, it brings together the flavours of both cultures. Sláinte!

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This recipe serves six to eight. PRIME PUBS

Hearty taste of Ireland

Irish Lamb Stew. The perfect balance of chewy dumplings and rich morsels of lamb, this dish is a great way to celebrate St. Paddy's

Who can resist a hearty stew with lamb, potatoes, sweet peas, carrots, onions, celery and rosemary, simmered in Kilkenny Irish Cream Ale and topped with homemade dumplings?

Be sure to double the recipe for this hearty Irish favourite as you will definitely want to enjoy leftovers after the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

1. Heat oil in Dutch oven on medium high heat. Then season lamb with salt and pepper. Add to Dutch oven and sear 3 mins. until brown on all sides. Add onions, carrots and celery. Sauté for 30 seconds. Add garlic and sauté for additional 30 seconds. Add beef stock and Kilkenny. Cover and simmer for 40 mins.

2. Add potatoes and simmer for another 20 minutes or until lamb is tender. When lamb is tender, add rosemary.

3. Meanwhile to make dumplings, in bowl place flour, baking powder and salt and mix together. Add milk and oil to dry ingredients. Mix until just combined. Using tablespoon, add to stew, 10 at a time. Cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until dumplings are cooked. Remove dumplings with a slotted spoon and place on pan lined with parchment paper.

4. Add peas to stew and mix in. Cook for 5 minutes. Serve stew in large crock. Top each portion with 2 to 3 dumplings and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

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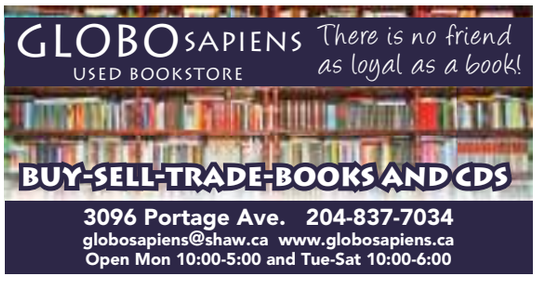
Ingredients

Lamb Stew
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sea salt
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) black pepper
- 2 lbs (900 g) boneless lamb shoulder, outside fat removed, diced into 1-inch pieces
- 2 medium onions, diced in 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 medium carrots, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup (225 ml) celery, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 5 cups (1.25 l) beef stock
- 2/3 cup (160 ml) Kilkenny beer
- 2 large Yukon Gold potatoes, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 stalk rosemary
- 20 dumplings
- 1-1/2 cup (350 ml) peas
- Parsley, chopped for garnish

Dumplings
- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) flour
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 3/4 tsp (3.5 ml) salt
- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) milk
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil



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Pop something good

Jazz up your popcorn with unique toppings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Heat empty cast-iron Dutch oven over low heat 2 minutes.

2. Add enough olive oil to the pot to thinly coat the entire bottom. Add a single layer of popcorn kernels. You want them to be touching but not more than one layer thick. Increase the heat to medium and place the lid on the pot. Wait until popping begins, then turn the heat down slightly.

3. Shake the pot every 30 seconds or so. Start shaking a bit more when the popping starts to subside. When the kernels stop popping in unison and you only hear one pop every couple of seconds, it is done.

4. Pour the popcorn into a large bowl. Season generously with the toppings listed below, or another one of your favourites. Toss the popcorn in the bowl and sprinkle with additional seasoning several times to make sure you have an even coating. Serve immediately or let cool.

Ingredients

- 2 to 3 tbsp olive oil (depending on the size of the pot)
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup popcorn kernels (depending on the size of the pot)
- Fine-grain sea salt or other seasoned toppings

Wet Popcorn Toppings

Be certain to spread the popcorn flat on a baking sheet before adding wet toppings, then let it set before serving.

- Melted chocolate
- Melted chocolate and peanut butter
- Melted caramels and a pinch of salt

Dry Popcorn Toppings

- Maple sugar and crispy bits of smoked bacon
- Mini marshmallows, chocolate chips and peanuts
- Mini M&Ms, chopped roasted almonds and dried coconut
- Ragin' Cajun Spice mixture
- Lemon-pepper salt
- Italian spice blend and finely grated Parmesan cheese
- Truffle salt
- 1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- Barbecue rub

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Dinner. Roasted Chicken with 40 Cloves of Garlic and a Bacon Blanket

1. In a large Dutch oven, toss the garlic cloves and shallots with the olive oil. Add the wine, then sprinkle with salt. Set aside.

2. Use paper towels to pat dry the chicken, then season it with salt, including inside the cavity. Set the chicken, breast side up, on top of the garlic and shallots. Drape the strips of bacon over the chicken. Set the pan in the oven and cook for 1 to 1 1/2 hours (time will vary depending on how evenly your oven heats), or until the bacon is crisped and brown and the thighs read 170 F.

3. Remove the chicken from the pan and set it on a platter. Season the chicken with black pepper, then cover it with foil and let it rest 10 to 15 minutes before carving. Meanwhile, slip the garlic cloves and shallots from their skins and serve with the chicken (they also are good spread on toasted bread).

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Ingredients

- 2 heads garlic, separated into cloves, but not peeled
- 8 medium shallots, not peeled
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 5-lb whole chicken
- Kosher salt
- 8 oz thick-cut bacon
- Ground black pepper

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Get Hotz and bothered

Canadian actor and comedian Jeremy Hotz is swinging by the Burton Cummings Theatre with his Magical Misery Tour on Saturday. Hotz has performed standup on Leno and Letterman and has headlined a number of comedy festivals in Canada and the U.S. He's shrewd and draws hilarity from talking about the misery of everyday circumstances and situations. The misery starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets range from $41 to $48 at Ticketmaster.

Who doesn't love a parade?

Celebrate St. Paddy's Day by taking part in Winnipeg's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The festivities kick off at the Legislative building at noon and will end at Shannon's Irish Pub at 175 Carlton St. Get the whole family involved in this fun, deck yourselves out in your greenest attire and start a tradition that is sure to grow bigger and more festive each year. If you don't have the youngsters with you, make sure you stop in at Shannon's and get yourself a green beer or two.

Celebrate St. Paddy's with Great Big Sea

Great Big Sea is hitting the stage at the MTS Centre this St. Patrick's Day. The Newfie folk-rockers just kicked off their 20th Anniversary Tour in Anaheim, Calif. on March 6, and Winnipeg is their last Canadian stop this month. It won't be an Ordinary Day when the trio takes the stage, offering up hits like End of the World and Walk on the Moon. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., and tickets range from $44.25 to $97.75 at Ticketmaster.

Get your Heart on this Sunday

Heart is live in concert at the Centennial Concert Hall on Sunday. The Wilson sisters have been rocking out since the 1970s and show no signs of stopping anytime soon. With a library of hits like Barracuda, What About Love, and If Looks Could Kill, you'll have a grand ol' time at this show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will run you between $72.75 and $96.50.

Make an appointment with the Doc and Emerson Drive

The CMT Hitlist Tour 2013 is slated to tear the roof off the house at the MTS Centre on Monday night. Canadian country favourites Doc Walker and Emerson Drive are co-headlining this tour that will no doubt have country fans going crazy all night long. (Trust me, country music fans are the most fun and passionate kinda music fans.) Aaron Pritchett will kick things off at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost $49.50 to $59.75 at Ticketmaster.

Take the kids Down by the Bay

Treat yourself and the kids to an evening of Raffi. The beloved children's entertainer is performing his #Belugagrads concert at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on Thursday night. Even though this show is intended for the kiddies, you'll find yourself singing along to songs from your childhood, like Down by the Bay, and Baby Beluga. Tickets range from $36 to $76.50 and proceeds will benefit The Centre for Child Honouring. For more information, check out raffinews.com.

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Joining the West

Jets' return spurred realignment: Bettman

The Winnipeg Jets are officially moving west in what NHL commissioner Gary Bettman calls a "fan-friendly" realignment that was approved Thursday by the league's board of governors.

"We're very relieved, as much as we enjoyed those trips down south," said Jets governor Mark Chipman.

Other teams also get some of their wishes fulfilled and fans will not have to deal with as many time-zone issues to watch their home teams play away games.

But Bettman said the driver for realignment was the relocation of the Atlanta Thrashers to Winnipeg.

"But for the relocation, this isn't something we would have undertaken," he said.

The format features two eight-team divisions in the Eastern Conference and two seven-team divisions in the West. The Jets move into what is now known as Division B in the Western Conference, giving them a friendlier travel schedule than they currently have in the Southeast Division.

The other teams in the new division are Chicago, Colorado, Minnesota, Dallas, Nashville and St. Louis.

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NHL commissioner Gary Bettman
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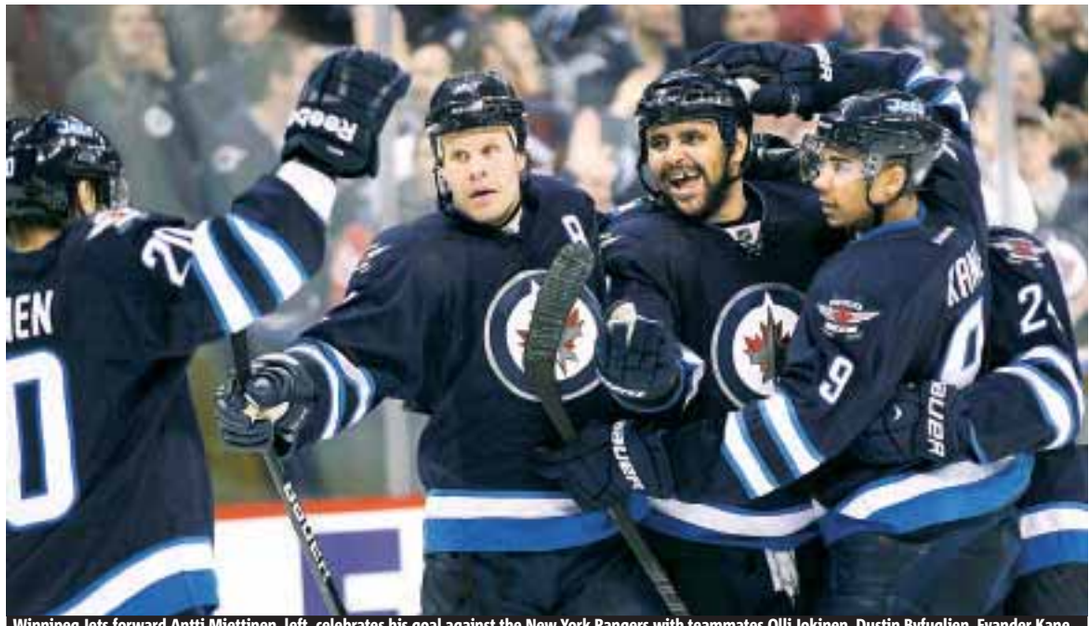

Winnipeg Jets forward Antti Miettinen, left, celebrates his goal against the New York Rangers with teammates Olli Jokinen, Dustin Byfuglien, Evander Kane and Grant Clitsome in Winnipeg on Thursday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jets land smoothly on 8th playoff spot

NHL. Winnipeg breaks tie with New York Rangers in Eastern Conference standings with win on home ice

On Thursday

Jets	Rangers
3	1

Ondrej Pavelec made 28 saves as the Winnipeg Jets defeated the New York Rangers 3-1 on Thursday.

Nik Antropov scored the game's first goal, Antti Miettinen had his first goal of the season and Andrew Ladd had an empty-netter with 39 seconds left for Winnipeg (14-11-2). It was Ladd's 14th goal of the season. Dustin Byfuglien had a pair of assists for the Jets.

Ryan Callahan was the lone scorer for the Rangers (13-11-2), while Hendrik Lundqvist stopped 30 shots.

The teams were tied for eighth place in the Eastern Conference heading into the game, but New York has a game in hand.

The teams kept the tempo high in the second and the Jets went ahead 2-1 on Miettinen's first goal of the season in only his seventh game.

Byfuglien sent a wrist shot from the point at Lundqvist, who was being screened by Miettinen. The puck deflected off the right-winger into the net at 14:52.

Shots on goal were even 22-22 after the second intermission.

Both goalies made some good saves in the third, with Lundqvist making two big saves in the final three minutes.

Lundqvist left the ice with just over a minute and a half remaining in the game to give New York an extra attacker, but the Rangers turned the puck over in Winnipeg's end.

Olli Jokinen passed it up in the neutral zone to Blake Wheeler, who moved it ahead to Ladd for an easy 14th goal of the season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Diaz cranks up the 'craziness' upon arrival in Montreal for UFC 158

MMA. Welterweight challenger has GSP shaking his head as pre-fight presser gets weird

One day after missing a scheduled public workout ahead of UFC 158, Nick Diaz put on a show.

The often-sullen California welterweight showed off his chatty side at a news conference Thursday, wielding the microphone like a talk-show host. Diaz hogged the dais, throwing out comments and interjecting whether there was a question directed his way or not. It ranged from the poignant to the bizarre.

"(In terms of) craziness, that was a 10 out of 10," UFC president Dana White said afterward.

At times, Diaz's stream-of-consciousness monologues seemed to bewilder champion Georges St-Pierre. Other times, a stone-faced GSP seemed antagonized and appalled.

"He's in a different place than he's ever been because he's really mad," White told reporters later.

Normally cool as a cucumber, St-Pierre (23-2) is jalapeno-hot going into Saturday's main event.

Diaz got GSP going after looking directly at the champ and castigating him for saying he reminded him of the bully who used to taunt the champion as a child.

Quoted

"Are you crazy in your head, man? I'm not scared of you. You'll see Saturday if I'm scared of you."

Georges St-Pierre to Nick Diaz on Thursday in Montreal

UFC president Dana White stands between Georges St-Pierre, left, and Nick Diaz during a news conference on Thursday in Montreal. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"How many times have you had a gun to your head, Georges? How many times has someone put a gun to your head? How many of your best friends been shot through the chest with a .45? Or how many of your best friends (have) been stomped or put to sleep into a coma?" said Diaz, who hails from the Stockton-Lodi area of California.

"We all had to deal with these things in life."

An incredulous St-Pierre looked like someone had just given him a fork and told him to eat a journalist in front of him.

"He told me a few days ago, 'I want to make sure when this is over he (Diaz) retires,'" White said after the news conference at the Bell Centre.

Diaz did apologize to the fans for skipping Wednesday's public workout, saying he had gotten in at midnight the night before and needed his sleep.

Diaz (27-8-1) has been suspended twice for testing positive for marijuana.

He was also dropped from a UFC 137 title fight with St-Pierre in October 2011 after failing to show up for news conferences in Toronto and Las Vegas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian teen impresses in world championship debut

Kaetlyn Osmond performs in the women's short program at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont., on Thursday. Osmond heads into Saturday's free skate in fourth place. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Figure skating.
17-year-old Osmond within striking distance of finishing on the podium

Canadian Kaetlyn Osmond stepped onto the ice for what would be a memorable world championship debut.

The 17-year-old from Marystown, N.L., who has people in the sport raving about her rare ability to thoroughly dazzle a crowd, did just that Thursday. She finished fourth in the short program with her sassy mambo program — just a year after she was 10th at the world junior championships.

Now she heads into Saturday's free skate within striking distance of a medal behind Olympic champion Kim Yu-Na of South Korea, who scored 69.97 points to win the short program in her first major international appearance in two years. Defending world champion Carolina Kostner of Italy was second with 66.86, while Japan's Kanako Murakami was third with 66.64.

Osmond, in black sequined dress, her black hair pulled into a tight ponytail, scored 64.73, opening with a big triple toe loop-triple toe loop combination, then charging straight into a triple flip, and then a double Axel. In between, she shimmied her shoulders, swivelled her hips and played to the audience, her huge smile barely leaving her face. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"She's like an artist, she's very special. But then at the same time she's technically very strong."
Ravi Walia, Kaetlyn Osmond's coach

Virtue-Moir trail U.S. rivals after short dance

Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir perform in the ice-dancing short dance on Thursday at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont. The Olympic gold medallists scored 73.87 points but trail American rivals Meryl Davis and Charlie White by nearly four points heading into Saturday's free dance. JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Something you are told today may cause you to wonder if someone you thought was a friend is actually an enemy. Before you jump to conclusions make sure you have all the evidence.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Life can be easy or life can be hard – it all depends on the outlook you choose to adopt. Attitude is everything: the right attitude can make even the most difficult set of circumstances look easy.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may not know why you distrust a work colleague but you know better than to ignore your instincts. If you don't want to get involved in what they are suggesting it is your right to say "No" and walk away.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Wisdom is not a destination but a journey. With that thought in mind don't fall into the trap of thinking you know it all today. Keep an open mind and you might learn something that gives you an advantage.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't fight change today because it will lead to something better. Yes, in the short-term it may be painful, but in the long-term it will benefit you in numerous ways.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Is there something you can do to make a loved one feel better about a difficult situation? A few words of comfort could be all it takes to give them the strength to battle against the odds – and win.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Let the world know what you think today, even if you worry that it might provoke a negative reaction. The truth should never be hidden or denied, so speak your mind and ignore those who don't like it.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can do your reputation a world of good today by passing up the chance to get even with someone who has let you down. They may deserve a slap on the wrist but they're not worth the effort.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Other people may not be as quick off the mark as you today but that does not mean they are stupid. On the contrary, by taking things slower they are less likely to make mistakes.

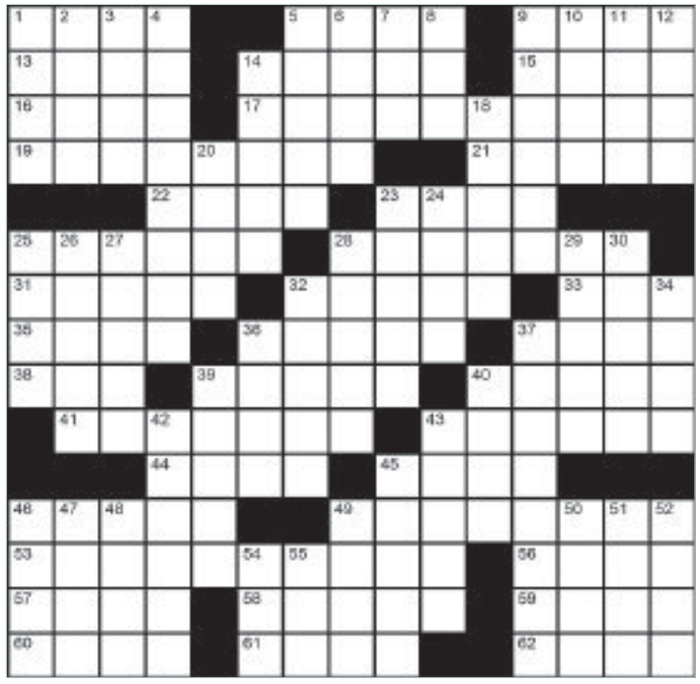
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are at odds with someone over a serious issue and before the day is over there will be some harsh words flying around. Clear the air by all means but avoid making hasty decisions. Cool down a bit first.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must look brave on the outside even though you may be scared on the inside. Believe it or not you are close to making a success of something you thought was going to fail big time.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There is nothing you cannot do: your potential is unlimited. Whether or not you believe that is true does not matter – what matters is that you act as if it is true. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

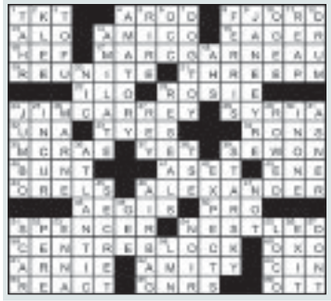
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. The __ of March
5. Actor Mr. MacLachlan
9. Place to skate
13. Wood-for-furniture
14. How canned seafood can be packed: 2 wds.
15. Rhyme scheme
16. Song in '65's "The Sound of Music": "Climb __ Mountain"
17. Klondike Gold Rush hub: 2 wds.
19. __-style bagels
21. Theatre lane
22. Horse coat style
23. Actors Ed or Keenan
25. Hamilton's football team, familiarly
28. Canadian journalist Valerie; also one of a chip brand
31. Island near the Statue of Liberty
32. Like a leaf's pattern
33. Meal morsel
35. "The __ King" (1994)
36. Shopping places
37. __ butter (Beauty product ingredient)
38. Washroom, for short
39. Religious orders
40. Sugar __ (Sap-to-syrup spot)
41. Juno-winning singer Ms. Cox
43. Juno-winning singer, Keshia __
44. Jealousy
45. Weaving machine
46. The Phantom of the __
49. Toronto-born cartoonist Joe Shuster's co-creation
53. Irish stage show that made Michael Flatley a star
56. Dancer in "Return of the Jedi" (1983)
57. Time: German
58. Margaret Atwood novel, __ Grace
59. Ranks like Klinger's on "M*A*S*H", for short
60. Finds in mines
61. Baseball gear
62. Singer Alicia

Down
1. Particular
2. "Whip It" band with tiered hats
3. Garner
4. Mode of transport in Vancouver
5. "Wavin' Flag" singer
6. Bellow
7. Fleur-de-__ [var. sp.]
8. "Strange Magic" gr.
9. Motorsport activity
10. Sacred __ (Revered bird in ancient Egypt)
11. 'N' in NHL, for short
12. Showbiz star Danny
14. Concepts
18. "__ McPhee" (2005)
20. Turns to compost
23. Legal documents
24. Yangs counterparts
25. "Live to __" by Madonna
26. Homer's epic poem
27. Sort of spice
28. City in Australia
29. Actress Lindsay
30. Put up a building
32. Holiday, slang-style
34. Choose
36. "Jeopardy!" creator Mr. Griffin
37. St. Patrick's Day symbol
39. Submarine instrument
40. It might be laced
42. Artist-style hats
43. Makes do
45. Star Wars creator George
46. Rice-shaped pasta
47. __ 1 Imports
48. Songstress Ms. Sands
49. Miffed state
50. Sulk
51. Friendly nation
52. It's in northern BC, __ River
54. Lightly apply
55. Wing-like part

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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			4	3				5
4					6			3
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	7		3		4	5		
5			9					8
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		8				9	4	

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	4	7	6	1	8	5	3	2
3	2	8	9	5	7	6	4	1
6	5	1	4	3	2	7	9	8
2	1	5	3	4	6	8	7	9
7	3	4	2	8	9	1	5	6
8	6	9	5	7	1	3	2	4
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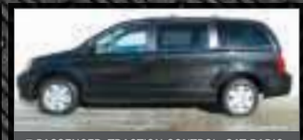

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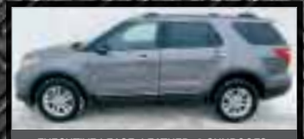

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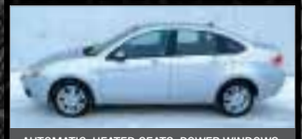

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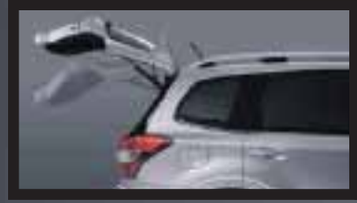

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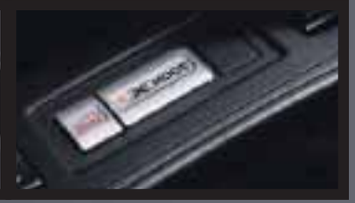

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▲Ratings of "Good" are the highest rating awarded for performance in four safety tests (moderate overlap front, side, rollover and rear) conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)(www.iihs.org). To earn a 2013 TOP SAFETY PICK, a vehicle must receive a "Good" rating in all four of these tests. *MSRP of $25,995 on 2014 Forester 2.5i (EJ1X0). MSRP excludes Freight & PDI of $1,595. Taxes, license, registration and insurance are extra. $0 security deposit. Model shown is 2014 Forester 2.0XT Limited Package (EJ2 XTL) with an MSRP of $35,495. †Power rear gate: Available on 2.5i Touring, 25i Limited and 2.0XT Limited models only. ‡X-MODE™: Equipped in CVT models only. Dealers may sell for less or may have to order or trade. Offers applicable on approved credit at participating dealers only. Vehicle shown solely for purposes of illustration, and may not be equipped exactly as shown. See you local Subaru dealer for complete program details.

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2004 BMW 325ci

Summer is getting closer!! This sporty convertible is loaded including leather and lots more!
Stk. #92420A

SALE PRICE
$11,980

2012 Subaru Legacy AWD

Air, PW, PL, heated seats Great fuel mileage & safety rating. Not exactly as shown. Stk. #12222.

SALE PRICE
$20,495

2012 Subaru Forester

Auto, air, PW, PL, p/seat, heated seat, alloys. Only 7,500 kms. Not exactly as shown. Stk. #12173

SALE PRICE
$24,965

2010 Subaru Impreza WRX LTD AWD

Fully loaded w/leather & more. Subaru lease return. Factory warranty. Stk. #92210

SALE PRICE
$26,910

2012 Subaru Outback 3.6R AWD

Auto, air, PW, PL. heated & Power seats and sunroof. Only 9,000 kms. Stk# 12286 Not exactly as shown

SALE PRICE
$29,960

2012 VW Golf Trendline

BEST PRICE ON A VW!! Auto, air and more, factory warranty.
Stk. #92440

SALE PRICE
$15,910

2012 Subaru Tribeca Ltd. AWD

Fully loaded 7 pass Leather, heated seats and more. Stk. #12032. Not exactly as shown.

SALE PRICE
$34,996

2008 Mazda 3 Sport GT

Manual transmission, air, PW, PL, Two sets of tires, Excellent cond.Stk#13246A. Not Exactly as shown.

SALE PRICE
$13,986